

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 876

Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY TILGHMAN, JUNE 22, 1983

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, JULY 19, 1983

AN ACT

1 Making appropriations from a restricted revenue account within
2 the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the
3 Public Utility Commission.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 ~~Section 1. The following sums, or as much thereof as may be~~ <—
7 ~~necessary, are hereby specifically appropriated from the~~
8 ~~restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from~~
9 ~~Federal augmentation funds to the Public Utility Commission to~~
10 ~~provide for the operation of the commission for the fiscal~~
11 ~~period July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984, for the purposes and in~~
12 ~~the amounts shown:~~

13 ~~(1) For the salaries, wages~~
14 ~~and all necessary expenses for the~~
15 ~~proper administration of the Public~~
16 ~~Utility Commission including the~~
17 ~~chairman and commissioners, Office~~
18 ~~of the Director of Operations,~~

1 Bureau of Public Information,
2 Office of Special Assistants,
3 Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
4 and the Secretary's Bureau.

5 State appropriation..... 6,215,000

6 (2) For the salaries, wages
7 and all necessary expenses for the
8 proper administration of the
9 Offices of Counsel and
10 Administrative Law Judge.

11 State appropriation..... 4,667,000

12 (3) For the salaries, wages
13 and all necessary expenses for the
14 proper administration of rates,
15 research and transportation
16 including the Bureau of
17 Conservation, Economics and Energy
18 Planning, Bureau of Nonrail
19 Transportation, Bureau of Rail
20 Transportation and the Bureau of
21 Rates.

22 State appropriation..... 5,826,000

23 (4) (i) For the salaries,
24 wages and all necessary expenses
25 for the proper administration of
26 investigations and enforcement
27 including the Bureau of Audits and
28 the Bureau of Safety and
29 Compliance. Funds from this
30 appropriation shall be used to

1 ~~initiate audit surveillance of~~
2 ~~major utility construction~~
3 ~~projects.~~

4 ~~State appropriation.....~~ 4,483,000

5 ~~(ii) The following Federal~~
6 ~~augmentation amounts, or as~~
7 ~~much thereof as may be~~
8 ~~necessary, are hereby~~
9 ~~specifically appropriated to~~
10 ~~supplement the sum authorized~~
11 ~~to be billed to utilities for~~
12 ~~the operation of the~~
13 ~~commission:~~

14 ~~(A) "Natural Gas~~
15 ~~Pipeline Safety" To~~
16 ~~enforce the regulations of~~
17 ~~the Natural Gas Pipeline~~
18 ~~Safety Act.~~

19 ~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 133,000

20 ~~(B) "Railroad Safety"~~
21 ~~For safety inspectors to~~
22 ~~survey and patrol over~~
23 ~~14,000 miles of trackage to~~
24 ~~eliminate derailment and~~
25 ~~provide safe rail travel.~~

26 ~~Federal appropriation.....~~ 225,000

27 ~~(iii) Any Federal funds~~
28 ~~which the Public Utility~~
29 ~~Commission receives pursuant to~~
30 ~~these appropriations shall not~~

1 ~~be created to any utility nor~~
2 ~~used to lower the annual~~
3 ~~assessment of any utility.~~
4 ~~(5) For the salaries, wages~~
5 ~~and all necessary expenses for~~
6 ~~proper administration of the Bureau~~
7 ~~of Consumer Services. Funds from~~
8 ~~this appropriation shall be used to~~
9 ~~secure equipment and adequate~~
10 ~~temporary or permanent staff to~~
11 ~~maintain a reasonable completion~~
12 ~~rate on the toll free telephone~~
13 ~~lines into this bureau. A~~
14 ~~reasonable completion rate shall be~~
15 ~~a rate where, on a monthly average,~~
16 ~~at least 20% of all calls to the~~
17 ~~bureau are completed. Progress~~
18 ~~toward this goal shall be reported~~
19 ~~to the Chairmen of the~~
20 ~~Appropriations Committees of the~~
21 ~~House of Representatives and Senate~~
22 ~~on a quarterly basis.~~

23 ~~State appropriation.....~~ 1,488,000

24 SECTION 1. THE SUM OF \$21,543,000, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY <—
25 BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM THE RESTRICTED REVENUE
26 ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
27 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984, TO PROVIDE
28 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.